



ATTACHMENT A Remarks

In the *Election/Restrictions* section of the outstanding Office Action, the previous election of the species of figure 5 was made final. Therefore, applicant hereby elects the species of figure 5. As noted by the examiner, claims 1, 5 and 13-15 were readable on the elected species.

In the *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102* and *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103* sections of the Action, independent claim 1 and dependent claim 13 were rejected as being anticipated by or obvious over the Al-Ali patent. However, in the *Allowable Subject Matter* section, it was indicated that dependent claims 5, 14 and 15 contained allowable subject matter and hence would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. This indication of allowable subject matter is appreciated.

In response to this indication of allowable subject matter, this Amendment provides the following.

- 1) Dependent claim 5 has now been rewritten in independent form to make it allowable, with some minor additional changes of a self-evident nature for proper antecedent basis in accordance with US standards.
- 2) Dependent claim 14 has now been rewritten in independent form to make it allowable. Claim 14 is a generic claim (the recitation of "a" microphone does not preclude coverage of the embodiments where there is another/second microphone), so that withdrawn claims 2-4 and 6-12 (claims 13 and 16 having now been canceled) are now all made dependent therefrom and hence are also now allowable. It will be appreciated that some minor antecedent basis or definiteness changes of a self-

evident nature have also been made in these dependent claims in accordance with US standards.

- 3) Dependent claim 15 has now been rewritten in independent form to make it allowable, with a minor change for proper antecedent basis now identical to the same recitation in claim 14. Claim 15 is also a generic claim like claim 14, so that new claims 18-27 dependent therefrom have been added. New claims 18-27 are similar (and so marked "withdrawn" as well) to withdrawn claims 2-4 and 6-12. These new dependent claims are thus also now all allowable based on their dependency from allowable independent claim 15.

As all claims in the application are now allowable, it is submitted that the present application is in immediate condition for allowance and such action is solicited.

END REMARKS